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Designed for use by students, scholars, and other researchers, this resource guide contains 100 entries describing the collections available for use for historical research in many of the archival repositories, federal government offices, historical organizations, museums, and public and private libraries in the Washington, D.C. area. The entries are arranged alphabetically by institutional name, and institutional addresses, telephone numbers, hours of service, rules and regulations governing collection use, and brief comments on institutional holdings and the unique features of particular collections are included. A subject index to the listings is found at the back of the guide. (JL)

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Introduction

Washington, D. C. is not only the capital of the United States, but a large metropolitan center containing a vast number of intellectual resources for the pursuit of scholarly knowledge.

To this end, there are many options in the nation's capital for historical research. These options range from public libraries to historical societies with a whole gamut of museums, organizations, and government offices in between.

Unfortunately, when a multitude of options exist, it is often the case that many fine and extensive sources for historical research go untapped. It is the purpose of this guide to explore the alternatives that are available to both undergraduate and graduate students.

In the initial stages of this project, questionnaires were mailed to various institutions for the purpose of surveying their historical collections as to the accessibility and usefulness of the holdings for local university students. The response was an overwhelming 98% return rate. The returned questionnaires and added information have been compiled into this reference guide. Each institution is alphabetically listed along with its address, telephone number, hours of service, and rules and regulations governing the use of their collections. A brief description of the holdings and the unique features of the collections are also included. An index to subjects and key words used in the entries appears at the end of the guide.

While one hundred research possibilities are included in this guide, the number of options has not nearly been exhausted. Any further suggestions from the users of this guide concerning any aspect of it would be both desired and appreciated.

Washington, D. C. holds within it a wealth of historical information -- use it!

Air Force Association Research Library

Suite 400
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

(202) 637-3300

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection consists of 2,000 volumes with additions added monthly. The unique aspects of this library are their books on military aviation, military history, and several files of World War II photographs.

The library is open to all qualified researchers.

American Red Cross National Headquarters Library

Room 312
18th Street between D and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

(202) 857-3491 (Library Director)
(202) 857-3647 (Information Research Specialist)

8:30 A.M. - 4:45 P.M. Weekdays

This library collection contains material on the American, Foreign, and International Red Cross; United States Sanitary Commission; disaster relief operations; and national and international voluntary agencies. The archives consist of non-current records of the Red Cross. Included are official American Red Cross minutes, correspondence, reports on war and disaster relief along with other activities of the Red Cross; records of international conventions and conferences; and records pertaining to the Red Cross societies of other countries. Archival material for the period 1881 through 1946 has been transferred to the National Archives as part of Record Group 200. The archives from 1947 through 1975 and general records from 1975 to the present are housed at the National Headquarters and consist of 2,066 feet of material. New records are added monthly.

All researchers are permitted to use the library. Access to archival material is subject to review by library personnel.

Anacostia Neighborhood Museum Center for Anacostia Studies

Smithsonian Institution
2500 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20020

(202) 287-3380

9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Weekdays

The Center consists of a library concerned primarily with Afro-American biography, life, and culture; a collection of approximately 100 oral history interviews (tapes and transcripts); and a photographic and slide collection which is currently being assessed and evaluated. The oral history collection is unique; and transcriptions and photographs both support the tape collection providing corroboration and physical evidence of much of the taped information. New material becomes available to the museum either through long-term loans, or deeds of gift. Most often, materials are brought into the museum for study or in support of a specific research project and/or exhibition. At the present time, this is due to space limitations and because the museum is a leased facility that does not meet the essential requirements of a curatorial/conservation program.

All students are admitted to the Center. However, the undergraduate should be a mature and serious student. The primary function of the museum's research department is to provide needed support to the museum's education and exhibit programs. The staff of three full-time employees limits to a degree the amount of time that staff can spend in ancillary and research related activities. Yet, as a community based museum, services are rendered, in so far as possible, to institutions, agencies, and individuals outside of the Smithsonian complex.

Archives of American Art

Room 331
Smithsonian Institution
National Collection of Fine Arts and Portrait Gallery Building
8th and G Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20560

(202) 357-2781

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

This office is the only archives of primary material on American art in the United States. The archives maintain ap-

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Archives of American Art (continued)

proximately 4,000 collections ranging in size from one to fifty boxes; an oral history program of over 1,200 interviews on tape with artists; slides; photographs; and a few prints and drawings. There are two published descriptions to the collection: Archives of American Art, A Directory of Resources, 1972, and Archives of American Art, A Checklist of the Collection, 1975. New additions to the holdings are made constantly, with regular shipments from the branch collection offices received quarterly.

The archives are available to all students and a reader's registration form must be filled out prior to use of the collection.

Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Office of Public Affairs

320 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20451

(202) 235-9560

8:45 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Weekdays

The collection consists of 4,000 volumes as well as documentary material concerning all phases of disarmament. In particular, the records of the office include: the Committee on Disarmament that meets in Geneva; the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament which was formerly the 18 Nation Disarmament Committee; and records of the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament that meets yearly. The central files of the office are classified and sent to the Department of State and to the National Archives under Record Group 383.

The holdings are available to all researchers. An appointment should be arranged prior to the planned visit.

Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc., Library

1401 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

(202) 667-2822

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays (Office)
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Weekdays (Library)

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Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc., Library (continued)

This is a private in-house library with 4,000 volumes devoted almost entirely to Afro-American history. Additions are made as received.

Because of the nature of the collection, preference may be given to graduate students. However, undergraduate students are welcome. Appointments should be made with the librarian to gain access to the collection.

Broadcast Pioneers Library

1771 N Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

(202) 223-0088

9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Weekdays

This office deals with the history of broadcast journalism and its founders. The collection includes primary and secondary material in the form of: pioneers' papers, correspondence, scrapbooks, an oral history program with over 500 interviews, speeches on tape and in print, sound recordings, photographs, scripts and transcripts, periodicals and monographs, and fiction and non-fiction. New material is added daily.

The library is available to all students with an appointment made to gain access to the collections.

Center of Military History

Department of the Army
20 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20001

(202) 272-0317

8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

This Center is the only agency where one can find, without extensive search, the type of unpublished and published materials dealing with the United States Army and related activities. The collection consists of about 3,000 unpublished histories dealing with United States Army activities, 1940 through 1978; 200 linear feet of reference materials dealing

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with United States Army activities, 1776 through 1979; approximately 350 linear feet of record materials dealing with the various aspects of the medical activities of the United States Army, 1950 through 1973; and a collection of 35,000 volumes of published works and Department of the Army publications dealing with the United States Army and related activities, 1776 through 1979. Associated with the collection are 14,000 paintings, drawings, sketches, and cartoons related to military topics. New material is added daily.

The Center is available to all researchers. United States citizens do not need prior permission or a pass to examine unclassified documents and published works. American citizens must have an unofficial researchers' clearance to examine materials with a security classification. This can be obtained by writing the: Adjutant General/Department of the Army/Att: DAAG-AMR-S/Washington, D. C. 20314. Foreign nationals should obtain permission to visit the Center from the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence/Department of the Army/Washington, D. C. 20310, through their military attache attached to their embassy in Washington, D. C. There are archivists, historians, and curators available at the Center for research advice.

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION

1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

(202) 785-2068

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Saturday

The Columbia Historical Society collections are devoted exclusively to the subject of Washington, D. C. and its immediate surrounding areas. The collection contains approximately 12,000 books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and diverse printed items. There are also 12,000 photographic prints, negatives, lithographs, etchings, engravings, watercolors, and oils. Additions are made almost constantly as a result of small gifts and bequests.

All researchers are welcome to use the collections.

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART COLLECTION

17th Street and New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

(202) 638-3211

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays (Research collections)
10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Tuesday - Sunday (Museum exhibits)

This collection specializes in American art from the 18th century to the present; fine art photography; modern art; and the education of artists. There is also an archives that opened in April, 1980, which houses institutional records from 1869 to the present.

Researchers should contact the Office of the Curator or Registrar's Office to schedule a visit to view works of art, use records, or use the library. However, staff time is limited to assist researchers.

DOMINICAN HOUSE OF STUDY

Province of St. Joseph
Order of Preachers
437 Michigan Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20017

ARCHIVES

(202) 529-5300 Extension 52

Hours by appointment only.

The collection consists of 3,000 volumes primarily in the areas of American Catholic Church history; American Catholic Church newspapers of the 19th century, which are on microfilm at the Catholic University Library; Latin American Church history; and Dominican history in the United States and abroad.

A personal arrangement must be made by each researcher for each visit. Although graduate students are granted access to the archives, special consideration might be given to undergraduate students, depending upon their needs.

DOMINICAN COLLEGE LIBRARY

(202) 529-5300 Extension 11

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Dominican House of Study

Dominican College Library (continued)

8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays
7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. Monday - Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Saturday

This library is part of the Dominican theological seminary. The collection consists of 50,000 volumes about Dominican history in the United States and abroad, and Thomistic philosophy and theology.

All researchers are welcome to use the library and must sign the guest register at the time of each visit. To gain access to the Rare Book Room, the head librarian must be consulted.

Dumbarton Oaks Research Library

1703 32nd Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20007

(202) 342-3240

The collection contains 90,000 volumes and nearly 800 periodical titles that deal exclusively with all phases of Byzantine history and culture.

Although the library is available to all researchers, the collections are mainly for scholars and graduate students. An appointment by telephone, prior to the planned visit, is requested.

Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Public Affairs

800 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20591

(202) 755-7234

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

This collection consists of approximately 1,200 square feet of material with large segments added every four years (with a change in administrations), and some material collected daily. The office contains nothing that cannot be found in the National Archives or Federal Records Center in Suitland, Maryland, under Record Group 237. The office maintains only

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copies of official records. Nowhere else, however, can key documents be found on the evolution of the Federal role in civil aviation covering the period 1918 through 1972 that are conveniently collected in one place.

All researchers are permitted to use the collection. The historian should be contacted prior to the visit.

Folger Shakespeare Memorial Library

201 East Capitol Street, S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

(202) 546-4800

8:45 A.M. - 4:45 P.M. Monday - Saturday (Reading Room)
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Saturday (Exhibition Gallery)

This library consists of 250,000 books, 50,000 manuscripts, and correspondence from the Renaissance period. In particular, the collection is noted for its rare books and manuscripts from the period 1450 to 1700, and the history of the English and American theatre with special emphasis on Shakespeare from the 16th to the 20th centuries.

Researchers at the Folger usually have their Ph.D or are engaged in dissertation research. Persons with the professional equivalent of an advance degree (ie: publications, credits for acting or directing, etc.) are also admitted to the collection. An individual without these qualifications who desires use of the collections must prepare a short summary of research plans and schedule an interview with the Director or the Associate Director. The person will be informed about the decision on their research usually within three to four days. All researchers must present proper identification to the Registrar and fill out a registration card prior to being admitted to the collections.

Ford's Theatre National Historic Site Library

511 10th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20004

(202) 426-6924

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

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Ford's Theatre National Historic Site Library (continued)

The library is open by appointment only. The student must be engaged in serious research on Abraham Lincoln, his times, or the Civil War. The collection contains 1,500 volumes with additions made periodically. The unique aspects of the holdings include: Lincoln relics, assassination relics, artifacts belonging to the conspirators, and Mary Lincoln letters.

A student interested in using the library should contact the curator to arrange an appointment. All requests will be judged on an individual basis and the need of the student for the material in the collection.

Freer Gallery of Art Library

Smithsonian Institution
12th and Jefferson Drive, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20560

(202) 357-2091

10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

The collection consists of approximately 25,000 volumes that relate to the Near and Far East in Japanese, Chinese, and Western languages; and several archival collections that include the Herzfeld Archives of notebooks, photographs, maps, and drawings of Syria and Persepolis; and the Smith Archives of photographs of Islamic architecture which is currently unavailable to the general public. The library also has letters of Charles L. Freer, James McNeill Whistler, Thomas Dowing, Abbott Thayer, Dwight Tryon, and other 19th century artists whose works are in the collection as well as miscellaneous letters to Freer from his associates.

All researchers are granted access to the library.

Howard University Moorland-Spingarn Research Center

500 Howard Place, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20059

(202) 636-7239/7480

9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. Monday - Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Friday - Saturday) Reading Room

9:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Weekdays
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays) Manuscript Division

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The Center is devoted to the history and culture of Black people in Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United States. Included in the Center are the Library and Manuscript Divisions. The library consists of works of Afro-American scholars, statesmen, poets, and novelists. A collection of Black newspapers and magazines from the early 19th century to the present is also available. The microfilm collection includes Black newspapers and periodicals. A vertical file for research on current events in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas is also administered by the library.

The Manuscript Division contains approximately 6,000 linear feet of processed and unprocessed holdings. These records include letters, diaries, albums, scrap books, biographical materials, articles, artifacts, and photographs. Included in the collection are the papers and records of the NAACP, Bethel Literary and Historical Society, Frederick Douglass, and the Washington Conservatory of Music. Correspondence includes letters from Toussaint L'Ouverture, Charles Sumner, W.E.B. Du Bois, Marcus Garvey, Booker T. Washington, Ralph J. Bunch, and Eleanor Roosevelt. The Division also directs the Prints and Photographs Department and the Ralph J. Bunch History Collection. The former includes the Rose McClendon Memorial Collection of Photographs of Celebrated Negroes and the Mary O'H. Williamson Collection of Colored Celebraties Here and There. The latter consists of 700 tapes and transcripts of individuals involved in civil rights activities during the 1960's.

The library is available to all researchers. The Manuscript Division generally admits all researchers to the collection. However, they are expected to complete appropriate secondary research prior to pursuing research in primary materials at the Division. All researchers must register, present appropriate identification, acknowledge procedures and restrictions, and be prepared to pursue a coherent research project.

Joint Chiefs of Staff Historical Division

United States Department of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

(202) 697-3088

This Division does not function as an archives and has no historical records available to the general public. All records of the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that have been declassified have been deposited in the National Archives under Record Group 218.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Library of Congress Building
10 1st Street, S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20540

Thomas Jefferson Building
110 2nd Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20540

James Madison Building
101 Independence Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20540

8:30 A.M. - 9:30 P.M. Weekdays
8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Saturday and Holidays
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

The Library is closed on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

The Library of Congress was established in 1800 to serve as a reference facility for the United States Congress. Over the years, it has grown to become the largest library in the world. This development has transformed the library into a national institution. The collections include more than: 18,000,000 books and pamphlets; 78,000 bound newspaper volumes; 300,000 newspapers on microfilm; 2,600,000 microforms; 238,000 motion picture reels; 3,600,000 musical volumes and pieces; 640,000 recordings; 8,400,000 photographs; 450,000 posters; and a large assortment of other material. To facilitate use of their holdings, the Library of Congress provides many services to researchers.

There are two general reading rooms in the Library of Congress in addition to specialized reading rooms. The general reading rooms are located on the first floor of the Library of Congress Building and the fifth floor of the Thomas Jefferson Building. Researchers can order any book from the general classified collections for use in these rooms. It is advised that the researcher use the reading room in the building in which the material he wishes to consult is stored. A call slip must be filled out and presented at the issue desks in either reading room to obtain the material. Readers who need to consult books on successive days may reserve from one to three books for up to three days. When the researcher is finished with the material, it should be returned to the issue desks so that it can be reshelved for other readers.

The Collection Management Division, located near the Main Reading Room in the Library of Congress Building assigns study desks and reserve shelves to researchers who require extensive use of the collections. The study desks are situated primarily in the Main Building. These desks provide a quieter atmosphere for research than do the general reading rooms. The division does not generally assign a study desk to a researcher unless the person is preparing a degree beyond the master's level. Reserve shelves are assigned in

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the Main Building as well as in the Thomas Jefferson Building. They are allotted to persons requiring extended use of the collections and who wish to avoid delays involved in ordering the same volumes each day.

Researchers interested in obtaining a study desk or reserve shelf may apply by mail or in person. Applicants must describe the area of research, the degree program, and the dates for which the desk or shelf space is required. While shelf space can be assigned immediately, if there is no waiting list, a study desk may require a twenty-four hour wait. The assignment of a study desk or a reserve shelf is for a period up to three months and is terminated unless the researcher applies for an extension within ten days after the expiration date. The study desks or reserve shelves will be renewed dependent upon the amount of previous use, continuing need, and the number of researchers awaiting assignment. The desks or shelf spaces must be used full time during the period of the assignment. Abuse of the privilege may warrant cancellation of the assignment. Researchers assigned study desks or reserve shelves may have material delivered to their area by filling out yellow slips at the issue desks. Books may be reserved for up to sixty days upon completion of a special firm. After researchers are finished with material at their study desks or reserve shelves, they should insert the "ready for return" slip so that the material can be collected by attendents who will cancel the charge to the reader.

The James Madison Building is scheduled to be in full operation by the end of 1980.

Below is a synopsis of specialized reading rooms and their collections in the Library of Congress.

AMERICAN FOLKLIFE CENTER ARCHIVE OF FOLKSONG

Room G-152
Library of Congress Building

(202) 287-5510

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The Archive of Folksong contains over 30,000 recordings (cylinders, discs, wires, and tapes) devoted to the fields of folklore and ethnomusicology; 300,000 pages of manuscript material; and 3,500 books and periodicals. In particular, the collection includes recordings from all areas of the United States with strong emphasis on Appalachia, the Deep South, the Ozarks, Texas, California, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio,

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American Folklife Center Archive of Folksong (continued)

New York, Vermont, and Maine. Ethnic groups represented through recordings include Jewish, Polish, French, Mexican, Black American, and American Indian. Aside from the American folklore recordings, the Archive has a large collection of recordings from all parts of the world. The majority of the manuscript collection was obtained through the Works Progress Administration Federal Writers' Project and deals with folklore, ethnic studies, and ex-slave narratives.

The Archive is available to all students. The reference staff has compiled over 155 bibliographies, directories, and finding aides to facilitate use of the collection. Material can be located through an alphabetical card index and various specialty indexes.

GEOGRAPHY AND MAP READING ROOM

Room LM-B01
James Madison Building

(202) 287-MAPS

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays
8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Saturday

The collection contains over three and one half million maps; more than 38,000 atlases; and 8,000 reference books. The major emphasis of the holdings is on historical maps and atlases. 40,000 items are added yearly. In particular, there is a large collection of United States county and state atlases published in the latter half of the 19th century; manuscript and printed maps of colonial America, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, and the Wars of the 20th century; photoreproductions of manuscript maps from various American and European archives; and the Hummel and Warner collections which include rare manuscript and printed maps and atlases of China and Korea from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.

All researchers are permitted to use the collections.

LAW LIBRARY

The Law Library consists of five divisions:

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Law Library (continued)

American-British Law Division
Room 244
Library of Congress Building
(202) 287-5077
8:30 A.M. - 9:30 P.M. Weekdays
8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Saturday
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

European Law Division
Room 230
Library of Congress Building
(202) 287-5088
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

Far Eastern Law Division
Room 220
Library of Congress Building
(202) 287-5085
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

Hispanic Law Division
Room 230
Library of Congress Building
(202) 287-5070
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

Near Eastern and African Law Division
Room 212
Library of Congress Building
(202) 287-5073
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

The combined collections contain more than 1,500,000 volumes. Nearly one-half of these are American; the remainder foreign. Approximately 40,000 volumes are added to the collection annually with new items being received daily. The Law Library's collection of legal material is probably the most extensive in the world. For most nations, a concerted effort is made to collect laws and statutes, constitutions, codes, gazettes, regulations, and selective treatises and periodicals. Some of the unique or special collections in the library include: records and briefs of the United States Supreme Court since 1832 (11,000 volumes); English legal imprints prior to 1700, including yearbooks, statutes, court reports, and treatises (5,000 volumes); Colonial and early state law materials, including nearly complete sets of session laws and early court reports (15,000 volumes); American and English trials from the 16th century to the present (10,000 volumes); United States Congressional publications, including the serial set of reports and documents, and all printed accounts of Congressional debates and hearings since 1964 (30,000 volumes); Roman and Canon law collection (18,000 volumes); European customs (1,000 volumes); and rare Hispanic imprints (1,300 volumes).

All researchers are permitted to use the collections. However, stack passes are issued only on rare occasions after consultation with the chief of one of the library's divisions. Stack service offered by the library is very efficient and responsive with most requests filled within fifteen or twenty minutes. In addition, the reference librarians and legal specialists are familiar with the library collections and are readily available for consultation and assistance.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Law Library (continued)

The Law Library will move to the James Madison Building in 1980.

MANUSCRIPT READING ROOM

Room 3005
Thomas Jefferson Building

(202) 287-5383

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday - Saturday

The division's holdings consist of approximately 10,000 collections. Included are: papers from almost every President; papers of Government officials from the 18th century to the present (including about half of the men who served as Secretary of State, those appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and high ranking military officers and members of Congress); and a large collection of papers from famous families in American history such as: the Breckinridge family, the La Follette family, the Roosevelt-Willard family, and the Taft family. The division also contains the archives of various organizations such as: the NAACP, National Urban League, National American Suffrage Association, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and the American Colonization Society. Special Collections include: the Edward S. Harkness Collection of Mexican and Peruvian manuscripts, the Carter G. Woodson collection of Negro papers, the Naval Historical Foundation Collection in naval history, and the Joseph M. Toner collection of George Washingtoniana and American medical history. Finally, the collection includes copies of manuscripts and archives related to American history that are located in foreign repositories.

Researchers should contact the division to obtain the regulations for access to the collections.

The Manuscript Reading Room will move to the James Madison Building in 1980.

MOTION PICTURE READING ROOM

Room 1046
Thomas Jefferson Building

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Motion Picture Reading Room (continued)

(202) 287-5840

8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

The collections contain over 75,000 titles with more than 1,200 titles added each year including television films and video tapes. The holdings include: films obtained through copyright deposit since 1942; an historic collection of early films prior to 1915; the American Film Institute collection of American films between 1912 and 1942; and approximately 5,000 feature films, short subjects, documentaries, newsreels, and educational films seized during World War II from Nazi Germany, Japan, and Italy.

All researchers are granted access to the collections with an appointment in advance. Undergraduate students must submit a letter from their professor approving the research project.

The Motion Picture Reading Room will move to the James Madison Building in 1980.

MUSIC READING ROOM

Room G-144
Library of Congress Building

(202) 287-5507

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday - Saturday

This collection consists of approximately four million pieces of music; 300,000 books and pamphlets; and other forms of material that trace the growth of music in Western Civilization from primitive times to the present. In particular, the division holds: manuscript items including autograph scores and letters by composers and musicians from Bach to the present; printed music of every form; books on all aspects of music ranging from history and biography to esthetics and philosophy; a large collection of historical and theoretical monographs; and magazines from many countries in many languages.

The Music Reading Room is open to all researchers. Stack passes are issued only if they would benefit the researcher as well as the staff. The reference librarian will issue the pass only after a conference with the researcher. Highly specialized requests should be discussed with the Head or Assistant Head of the Reference Section.

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Music Reading Room (continued)

The Music Reading Room will move to the James Madison Building in 1980.

PRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS READING ROOM

Room 1051
Thomas Jefferson Building

(202) 287-6394 (Reference Staff)
(202) 287-5836 (Division Office and Curators)

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The general collection includes over nine million photographs and negatives depicting all aspects of American and world history with emphasis on cultural, political, and social events from 1860 to the present. The special collections are composed of a fine print collection of 110,000 items from the 15th century to the present including lithographs from Currier and Ives; an extensive historical print collection dealing with American and European life during the 18th and 19th centuries; a master photograph collection of 3,500 pictures tracing the history of photography; an architectural archives of 100,000 items including the Historical American Building Survey, the Historic American Engineering Record, Pictorial Archives of Early American Architecture, and the Carnegie Survey of Architecture of the South; and a collection of American and foreign posters dating from the 1850's including a wide range of subject matter.

All researchers are granted access to the division holdings. Appointments should be made to view special collections due to limited staff in those areas.

The Prints and Photographs Reading Room will move to the James Madison Building in 1980.

RARE BOOKS AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS READING ROOM

Room 256
Library of Congress Building

(202) 287-5434

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Rare Books and Special Collections Reading Room (continued)

This division consists of over 300,000 volumes with 200,000 broadsides, pamphlets, theatre bills, title pages, prints, manuscripts, posters, and photographs. Included in these holdings are the personal libraries of Thomas Jefferson, Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, Susan B. Anthony, Oliver Wendel Holmes, and Harry Houdini; the Harrison Elliott Collection on the history of papermaking; documents of the first fourteen Congresses; pre-1871 copyright records; Confederate States imprints; a large collection of Americana including 16,000 imprints from the period 1640 to 1800; Western Americana; and thousands of 19th century pamphlets.

All researchers are permitted to consult the collections. They must register and present proper identification before gaining access to the holdings.

LIBRARY OF THE SCOTTISH RITE SUPREME COUNCIL

1733 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

(202) 232-3579 Extension 39

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Weekdays

This collection consists of 175,000 bound volumes with material added daily. The unique aspect of this library is its holdings on freemasonry, biographies of famous masons, masonic history, and masonic influence in shaping the nation.

Any researcher will be admitted to the collection. However, an appointment made by telephone the day before is appreciated.

MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL CENTER

Building 58
Washington Navy Yard
9th and M Streets, S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20374

(202) 433-3841

8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

The Marine Corps Historical Center is the central repository
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Marine Corps Historical Center (continued)

for Marine Corps historical records and collections. The facility has multiple collections which include: reference files on subject, biographic, and geographic information; a library of 22,000 volumes; an archives of 4,000 cubic feet; personal papers; over 6,000 oral history interviews; 500,000 still photographs; a motion picture and video tape archives; and museum collections. New material is added daily.

The collections are available to all researchers. A visitor's pass can be obtained at the information desk. Researchers should notify respective sections of specific areas of interest in advance of their visit, either by telephone or letter.

Martin Luther King Memorial Library, Washingtoniana Division

Room 207
901 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20001

(202) 727-1213

9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. Monday - Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Friday - Saturday) September - May

9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. Monday, Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Tuesday, Wednesday,) June - August
Friday, Saturday

The division has the most complete information on the District of Columbia in the city. Its collection consists of 16,000 books, 1,000 maps, 20,000 photographs, 5,000 microfilms, 300 periodicals, and a vertical file of over one million clippings and pamphlets. The newspaper files are especially unique since every article about the city including obituaries of city residents has been clipped since 1930. Material is also received from the District of Columbia government. The division purchases material as it is available.

A pass is not required to use the collection which is noncirculating. Some material is in closed stacks and will be brought out to the researcher upon request.

Museum of African Art Collection

Smithsonian Institution
318 A Street, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20024

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Museum of African Art Collection (continued)

(202) 287-3390

11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays
12:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Saturday - Sunday

This museum specializes in African sculpture in wood and metal and ethnographic materials from West and Central Africa. The collection includes 8,000 objects and 300 paintings by 19th century Afro-American artists.

The collection is available to all researchers. However, an undergraduate student should have his project outlined and approved by the course professor. A written request, including the project outline, should be addressed to the curator.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Headquarters History Office

Room 706
300 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20546

(202) 755-3610

8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

The major holdings of the office are the archives with approximately 500 cubic feet of primary and secondary resources. The collection includes: periodical clippings, press releases, reports, correspondence, memoranda, and oral history interview transcripts. Most of this material is unclassified. The office also maintains on file about 200 unpublished histories which are classified in three series: NASA Historical Monographs (HHM), Reports (HHR), and Notes (HHN). A listing is available from the office. There are copies on file of most post-1958 congressional publications dealing with aeronautics, astronautics, and related fields. They are arranged chronologically according to an assigned number. New material is added continually. The History Office publishes A Guide to Research in NASA History by Alex Roland which gives an overview of the archival material in the office. The retired records of NASA and its predecessor agency, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), compose Record Group 255 in the National Archives. About 60 cubic feet are kept in the main building with some 4,000 cubic feet housed at the Federal Records Center, Suitland, Maryland. Also in Suitland are over 150,000 cubic feet of records of NASA Headquarters, Goddard Space Flight Center, Langley Research Center, and Wallops Flight Center. These records often require

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Headquarters History Office (continued)

security clearance and can be viewed in Suitland or at Headquarters. Permission must be granted prior to use of these records.

The collections are available to all students. However, arrangements should be made by telephone to use the material.

National Air and Space Museum Library

Smithsonian Institution
6th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20560

(202) 381-6591

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

This collection has over 24,000 books, 4,700 bound periodicals, 500,000 technical reports, a documentary archival collection which includes an estimated 900,000 photographs, and other material. Subject areas include history of aviation and space, aerospace industry, aerospace biography, rocketry, earth and planetary sciences, and astronomy. The historical archives of the museum include over 19,000 files of aircraft photographs and drawings, astronautical photographs and documentation, and the biographical files of aerospace personalities. The photographic collection covers all aspects of the history of aeronautics and astronautics, including aircraft, rockets, balloons, airships, historic events, and personalities. Unique aspects of the collection include: the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences historical collection which has the William A.M. Burden collection of early ballooning works and other space aeronautica; and the Bella Landauer sheet music collection of over 1,500 pieces of aeronautical sheet music and children's book collection.

All researchers are permitted to use the library. An appointment should be made prior to the visit.

National Archives and Records Service

8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20408

(202) 523-3218 (Reference Information and Research Inquiries)
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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE (continued)

8:45 A.M. - 10:00 P.M. Weekdays
8:45 A.M. - 5:15 P.M. Saturday

The National Archives and Records Service is the repository for the permanently valuable historical records of agencies of the federal government. The records consist of documents from agencies beginning with the Continental Congress up to the recent past. There is also an extensive collection of printed government documents from the Government Printing Office. The collection comprises over one million cubic feet of records, six million photographs, five million maps and charts, 100,000 films, and 80,000 sound recordings. Additions are made regularly through the Records Disposition Division which works with federal agencies scheduling records for transmittal and accessing into the National Archives.

All students above the age of 16 will be admitted to the holdings. They should be familiar with their subject, know which sources are published, and have an idea of which records in the National Archives would be pertinent to their topics. The staff will be happy to assist students with additional suggestions of records in the National Archives which would be helpful. To obtain a pass during the regular workday, researchers should enter the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance and go to Room 200B. There, they will complete an application by giving their name, address, object of research, and pertinent information that would assist the staff to help the researcher. A valid identification card should be presented upon completion of the application. During the evenings or on Saturdays, researchers should go to Room 203, the Central Research Room, to obtain a card. The researcher's card provides access to the six research rooms in the National Archives Building as well as the Washington Records Center in Suitland, Maryland, and the Stock Film Library at 1411 South Fern Street, Arlington, Virginia. The card is valid for two years, but can be renewed. After acquiring a pass, a researcher may talk with a consultant about the intended research. The consultant will help clarify the objectives of the research, suggest research approaches, arrange particular interviews with other staff members, and order the necessary records from the stacks.

Below is a synopsis of the branches in the National Archives.

AUDIOVISUAL ARCHIVES DIVISION

MOTION PICTURE AND SOUND RECORDING BRANCH

Room 20-E

(202) 523-3267

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

AUDIOVISUAL ARCHIVES DIVISION

Motion Picture and Sound Recording Branch (continued)

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

This branch has approximately 113,000 reels of motion picture film, 107,000 discs, reels of magnetic tape, cartridges and cassettes, and 1,800 video tape recordings. The motion picture collection dates from 1894 to the present and represents the archival films of over 100 Federal agencies and gift collections from private donors. The holdings include 16mm and 35mm black and white and color documentaries with training films as well as newsreels whose subject matter includes material of international and national interest. The films include unedited motion picture footage relating to World War I, World War II, and the Korean War as well as non-military topics.

The sound recording collection contains phonograph, discs, magnetic tape (reel-to-reel and cassette), cartridges, wire recordings and other media dating from 1896 to the present. The recordings include press conferences, panel discussions, interviews, speeches, court and conference proceedings, entertainment and public affairs programs, and news broadcasts from more than seventy agencies and private sources.

The video recording collection includes black and white and color tapes dating from the late 1960's to the present. The majority of the holdings consist of the news and public affairs broadcasts of the ABC, CBS, and NBC networks, and programs produced by the United States Information Agency.

STILL PICTURE BRANCH

Room 18-N

(202) 523-3236

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

This branch has over five million items including black and white original and copy photographs, glass and film negatives, prints, color transparencies and negatives, stereographs, posters, artworks, and photographs of artworks dating from the 17th century to the present. The holdings are accessions from over 140 Federal agencies and many gift collections. The subject matter ranges from activities of military and civilian government agencies to national and international cultural, social, environmental, technological, and political history of a non-governmental source.

National Archives and Records Service

Audiovisual Archives Division

STOCK FILM LIBRARY

1411 South Fern Street
Arlington, Virginia 22202

(703) 557-1114

8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

This library is a depository for the storage and preservation of motion picture stock footage created or obtained by the Federal Government from 1957 to the present. The collection consists of over 6,500 rolls of film. The largest collection in the library is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration stock film library. Other subject areas include agriculture, business and industry, education, energy resources, and natural disasters.

Although the library sells copies of its films to government agencies and film producers, the general public is welcome to consult the collection for research.

Civil Archives Division

DIPLOMATIC BRANCH

Room 5-E

(202) 523-3174

This collection consists of 50,000 cubic feet of records with additions every year. Included in the holdings are records of the: Department of State, 1789-1955 (Record Group 59), that have been determined to have permanent value; American Commission to Negotiate Peace (Record Group 256); Continental and Confederation Congresses and the Constitutional Convention (Record Group 360); International Conferences, Commissions, and Expositions (Record Group 43); Overseas Private Investment Corporation (Record Group 420); and Philippine War Damage Commission (Record Group 268).

INDUSTRIAL AND SOCIAL BRANCH

Room 2-E

(202) 523-3119

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

CIVIL ARCHIVES DIVISION

Industrial and Social Branch (continued)

The collection includes approximately 70,000 cubic feet of records with accessions added throughout the year. The holdings of this branch consist largely of Federal agency archives concerned with missions in the fields of commerce, industry, labor, social welfare (for example: housing, social security, and education), transportation, and communication.

JUDICIAL AND FISCAL BRANCH

Room 11-E

(202) 523-3059

This collection consists of 80,000 cubic feet of records with additions made continuously. The branch holds the official records of the: Office of Management and Budget (Record Group 51); Committee on Public Information (Record Group 63); United States Coast Guard (Record Group 26); United States Customs Service (Record Group 36); Department of the Treasury (Record Group 50); Federal Reserve System (Record Group 82); General Accounting Office (Record Group 217); United States Supreme Court (Record Group 267); Department of Justice (Record Group 60); Warren Commission (Record Group 272); Watergate Special Prosecution Force (Record Group 460); and other agencies related to the judicial and fiscal functions of the Federal Government.

LEGISLATIVE AND NATURAL RESOURCES BRANCH

Room 13-E

(202) 523-3238

The collection includes 80,000 cubic feet of records with accessions made several times a year. In particular, the holdings contain: the records of the Government of the District of Columbia, 1830's - 1950's (Record Group 351), which are the only records of a city in Federal custody; records of the Potomac Canal Company and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, circa 1780-1930's (Record Group 79); and the records of the Danish Government of the Virgin Islands, circa 1750-1917 (Record Group 55); these records are chiefly in the Danish language, and are among the earliest in Federal custody.

National Archives and Records Service

Machine-Readable Archives Division

Room 1100
711 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

(202) 724-1080

8:45 A.M. - 5:15 P.M. Weekdays

This collection consists of approximately 400 machine-readable data files with supporting documentation that range over the entire spectrum of federally-created data files. Included in the holdings are the largest collection of data on United States involvement in the Vietnam Conflict; one of the best collections of educational data files; a large collection of Civil Aeronautics Board data files on the United States airline industry; and numerous files from Presidential commissions of the 1960's and 1970's on such as population growth, campus unrest, school finance, marijuana and drug abuse, and the causes and prevention of violence. New data files and additions to old data files are accessioned each month.

All researchers are permitted to consult the files. A pass is not required for machine-readable records since the division does not have facilities for on-line file search. Files may be obtained by mailing an order or by telephoning an order with written confirmation following.

Military Archives Division

MODERN MILITARY BRANCH

Room 13-W

(202) 523-3340

The collection consists of approximately 100,000 cubic feet of records with accessions made several times a year. The holdings include the official, unpublished records of the Army, Navy, and Air Force Departments from approximately 1940 to the present. In particular, the records in the branch include the: National Archives Collection of World War II War Crimes Records (Record Group 238); National Archives Collection of Foreign Records Seized, 1941- (Record Group 242); United States Strategic Bombing Survey (Record Group 243); Joint Chiefs of Staff (Record Group 218); and War Department General and Special Staffs (Record Group 165).

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

MILITARY ARCHIVES DIVISION

NAVY AND OLD ARMY BRANCH

Room 8-W

(202) 523-3229

This branch services approximately 200,000 cubic feet of records with additions made several times a year. The holdings include the official records of the Department of the Navy and the War Department to 1939. In particular, the branch includes the records of the: American Expeditionary Forces, 1917-1923 (Record Group 120); Adjutant General's Office, 1780's-1917 (Record Group 94); United States Army Continental Commands, 1821-1920 (Record Group 393); and United States Army Overseas Operations and Commands, 1898-1942 (Record Group 395).

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL ARCHIVES DIVISION

CENTER FOR CARTOGRAPHIC AND ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVES

Room 2-W

(202) 523-3062

The Center includes 1,600,000 maps and charts produced by various agencies of the Federal Government; 9,000,000 aerial photographs; 200,000 architectural and engineering drawings of Federal buildings; and 19th century patents. In particular, the holdings include the records of the: Defense Intelligence Agency (Record Group 373); Defense Mapping Agency (Record Group 456); Federal Highway Administration (Record Group 406); and Board of Geographic Names (Record Group 324).

CENTER FOR POLAR AND SCIENTIFIC ARCHIVES

Room 8-E

(202) 523-3223

This collection consists of about 28,000 cubic feet of records with accessions made several times a year. The records and papers include correspondence, biographical information, scientific and other observational data, journals, diaries, personal accounts, reports, memoranda, manuscript research papers, printed publications, maps and charts, still pictures, sketches,

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National Archives and Records Service

Science and Technological Archives Division

Center for Polar and Scientific Archives (continued)

and paintings. The Center holds the Records of the Patent Office (Record Group 241); Office of Naval Research (Record Group 298); National Weather Service (Record Group 27); National Science Foundation (Record Group 307); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Record Group 370); Office of Science and Technology (Record Group 359); United States Antarctic Service, 1939-1941 (Record Group 126); and the United States Naval Support Force, Antarctica, 1955-1973 (Record Group 313).

National Bureau of Standards Public Information Office

Quince Orchard Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland

Mailing Address:

National Bureau of Standards
Washington, D. C. 20234

(202) 921-2712 (Public Information Division)
(202) 921-3405 (Library)

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

This office serves as a central clearinghouse on historical information about the Bureau, a predominantly scientific agency. Although some records are kept within the Bureau, most are sent to the National Archives and Federal Records Centers in Suitland, Maryland and Denver, Colorado under Record Group 167. The office maintains finding aids and inventories to valuable collections and series of records within the Bureau, the Archives, and the Federal Records Centers. The material on hand in the division is noted for records relating to the nation's measurement laboratory (metrology), biographical information on outstanding Bureau scientists (past and present), and photograph files of scientific apparatus, staff members, and measurement standards.

All researchers are admitted and assisted in everyway possible, especially in the areas of likely research at the Bureau, such as the history of science research. A researcher should send a letter of intent to the Bureau to gain access to the material. Records of proprietory or national security nature need clearances.

National Collection of Fine Arts and National Portrait Gallery Library

Smithsonian Institution
8th and G Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20560

(202) 357-1887

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The library consists of 36,000 volumes, periodicals, and an extensive clipping and pamphlet file. The collection is noted for its material in the areas of American painting, sculpture, graphic arts, and photography; American social, cultural, and intellectual history; American biography, and portraiture. The library also maintains a comprehensive coverage of periodicals in art and American history; a special clippings and pamphlet file on American artists (300 file drawers) and the Ferdinand Perret Library of clippings on California art and artists. New additions to the collection are made continually with an annual book and periodical budget of $36,000.

All researchers are permitted to use the collection. While an undergraduate student must submit a letter from a faculty member describing the area of research, a graduate student will be granted access upon presentation of a student identification. All researchers must receive a visitor's pass at either the NCFA or NPG Information Desks.

National Gallery of Art Photographic Archives

4th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20565

(202) 737-4215

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

This archives contains 850,000 photographs of Western European and American art from approximately 500 A.D. to the present, as well as about 150,000 negatives. Additions are made daily.

The collection is primarily for graduate students.

National Genealogical Society Library

1921 Sunderland Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

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National Genealogical Society Library (continued)

(202) 785-2123

11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
7:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M. Wednesday
Researchers should telephone the library for exceptions to this schedule.

There are approximately 15,000 volumes in the collection with new additions made continually. Most manuscripts and private collections in the library are unique, as well as nearly 30,000 original members' genealogical charts, to which only Society members have access.

Non-members of the organization must pay $1.00 per visit to the library. Members have free access to the collection and may borrow most of the books. Membership is available to all individuals.

National Grange Collection

1616 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

(202) 628-3507

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection is fairly small and contained in one room. It deals almost exclusively with the history of the Grange farm movement in the United States. The material includes: Journals of the Proceedings on the National Grange Annual meetings from 1873 through 1978; National Grange monthly magazines from 1900 to 1968; books on Grange history; and a collection of books which cover the history of cooperatives in the United States. An archives collection is maintained at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. These archives contain position papers and statements given before Congress from 1941 to the present. All material is on microfilm and can be obtained for a charge per page.

All researchers are permitted to use the library. Permission is obtained by either a telephone call or letter to the office.

National Library of Medicine, History of Medicine Division

8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20209

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National Library of Medicine, History of Medicine Division (continued)

(301) 496-5404

8:30 A.M. - 4:45 P.M. Monday - Saturday

This division has one of the most complete and extensive collections in the world covering the field of the history of medicine. The holdings consist of approximately 500,000 printed items from before 1871; thousands of later pamphlets and dissertations with 70,000 of these printed prior to 1801; eighty early western manuscripts before 1600; microfilm copies of about 600 manuscripts in European libraries; modern manuscripts numbering an estimated 855,000 items, including about 200 oral history memoirs; prints and photographs totaling about 70,000 items; and a special collection of Arabic and Oriental medical literature. Material is added continually.

The library is open to all researchers. However, an undergraduate student should have a bona fide need to work with the material in the collection. All researchers must sign a registration book in the division to be admitted to the collection.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY

Smithsonian Institution
Constitution Avenue between
12th and 14th Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20560

10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. September - March
10:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. April - August
) Museum exhibits

The National Museum of History and Technology is divided into four departments with twenty-one divisions. A Guide to Manuscript Collections in the National Museum of History and Technology was published in 1978. The various divisions, along with their hours for researchers, are described below.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL HISTORY

DIVISION OF CERAMICS AND GLASS

Room 4605

(202) 357-1786

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

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Division of Ceramics and Glass (continued)

The collection consists of approximately 25,000 examples of ceramics and glass. The collections are particularly strong in American stoneware and art pottery, Continental and English porcelains from the 18th century, early 19th century English earthenware, American and English tiles, and lacy pressed glass. Objects are added on a regular basis. Aside from the artifacts, the division has a small manuscript collection of about seventeen cubic feet. Included within this collection is trade literature, articles, and other material concerning ceramics and glass; a photograph collection of the holdings of the division; and the Washington Cathedral Collection of formulas for the manufacture of stained glass used in the Washington Cathedral. The division is noted for its extensive library on ceramics and glass topics.

The library is available to students by appointment. Graduate students generally are given preference for the use of the collection. However, any use of the holdings are dependent upon the availability of staff to accompany visitors to the storage areas.

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY LIFE

Room 4101

(202) 357-2385

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection contains 3,000 hand tools, 8,000 traditional objects, and 4,000 contemporary objects covering the areas of labor history, entertainment, sports, education, religion, hand production, and social organizations. Additions are made continuously. The uniqueness of the collection depends entirely on the astuteness of the researcher's analytical and critical powers.

Permission to gain access to the artifacts is almost invariably granted, provided that the researcher can demonstrate research competency, the need to handle original specimens (serious research project with first-hand, analytical component), and the availability of museum staff, who must be with the researcher at all times. The division can accommodate about two researchers a month if they require collection contact. Undergraduate students will be screened more carefully before being granted access to the collection. The staff feels that most undergraduate students do not have sufficient experience in handling ar-

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tifacts or sufficient critical knowledge to benefit from the experience.

DIVISION OF COSTUME

Room 4202

(202) 357-3185

8:45 A.M. - 5:15 P.M. Weekdays

The division consists of over 20,000 costume items, garments, and accessories from the late 17th century to the present. Additions to the collection are made daily. The majority of the holdings are middle class attire. Its uniqueness lies in the fact that it is the only major historical clothing collection in the country. The staff attempts to collect items with as much historical data as possible such as who wore it, when, for what type of occasion, and where it was worn. Photographs are also collected.

The collection is available to all researchers. Since space and staff time is limited, students must have specific items they wish to see.

DIVISION OF DOMESTIC LIFE

Room 4117

(202) 357-2308

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The division contains approximately 27,000 items relating to American cultural history. A manuscript collection consists of seventy-five cubic feet of material that includes maps, floor plans, account books, diaries, theatre programs, photographs, and postcards depicting the history of American domestic life.

All serious researchers are welcome to use the collection. An appointment scheduled a week in advance is appreciated. However, staff time is limited to accommodate researchers at

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the present time, and for at least 1980, because the division is inventorying its collection.

DIVISION OF GRAPHIC ARTS

Room 5703

(202) 357-2877

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The purpose of this collection is to document the history of printing and printmaking techniques. To this end, the division has 30,000 fine and commercial prints, approximately 300 press and patent models, and 2,500 sets of type matrices. Material is added constantly to the collection. As a fine print collection, it is quite minor ranked among others in Washington. For techniques, particularly commercial techniques (for example, early photomechanical work) it is a primary collection in the country. The press collection includes several important hand presses and about 200 19th century patent models. The type matrix collection consists of matrices from the 1830's to the 1920's, and several hundred drawings from the 1920's to the 1940's. This collection is unique in its historical approach to graphic arts. In particular, the type matrices provide an excellent opportunity to study the evolution of type design, the technology of type-making, or its business history.

The holdings are available to all researchers. Appointments must normally be made through the curator's office in advance for each visit.

DIVISION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Room 4123

(202) 357-1707

10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

The division contains an excellent collection of over 2,000 musical instruments including keyboards, winds, and strings;

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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL HISTORY

Division of Musical Instruments (continued)

and a library of about 1,200 volumes pertaining to European and American music history, musical instruments, tutors, and the musical theatre. A photograph collection includes the Worth collection of keyboard instruments, musical iconography, and a musical Americana file. Additions are made continually.

All researchers are permitted to use the collection. However, due to the limited space, the staff reserves the right to decide upon each request based upon the merit of the project.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF SCIENCE

DIVISION OF ELECTRICITY AND MODERN PHYSICS

Room 5025

(202) 357-1840

10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Weekdays

The division holdings consist of thousands of artifacts relating to the history of electrical science and technology. A manuscript collection of over 400 cubic feet includes the History of Electrical Science and Technology Collection, circa 1862- , which contains articles, photographs, pamphlets, blueprints, patents, catalogues, manuscript documents, and other material on subjects such as wireless, radio, television, telegraph equipment, transistors, lasers, sound spectrography, radio astronomy, and communications satellites. The personal papers collection holds the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Ltd., Records, 1866-1947, a firm founded in 1865 as a joint British-American undertaking to lay an Atlantic telegraph cable; the George H. Clark Radioana Collection, circa 1880-1950, documenting the early history of radio; and finally, the Western Union Collection, circa 1840-1961, which contains extensive material on the history of the telegraph and the Western Union Company.

All serious researchers will be permitted to use the collection. The curator should be contacted prior to the visit.

DIVISION OF MATHEMATICS

Room 5128

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National Museum of History and Technology

Department of History of Science

Division of Mathematics (continued)

(202) 357-2392

10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Weekdays

The collection is quite extensive and deals with the history of computers, mathematical devices, and mathematics in general. In addition to the artifacts, the division maintains a manuscript collection of over 200 cubic feet. Included in these holdings are: Biographical Information Files documenting prominent individuals in the history of computers and mathematics; a Mathematics History Photograph Collection containing photographs and slides of artifacts, people, events, and places associated with computers and mathematical history; and an Oral History Collection, 1967- , documenting the history of computers and other mathematical devices.

All researchers with legitimate interest in the holdings will be granted access to the material. Arrangements should be made with the curator.

DIVISION OF MECHANISMS

Room 5104

(202) 357-3188

8:45 A.M. - 5:15 P.M. Weekdays

The collections contain historical specimens relating to phonograph and typewriter history that are one-of-a-kind items produced by pioneers in these fields. The horological collections are fairly comprehensive and include examples of significant technological developments for the entire history of timekeeping. In particular, the holdings consist of 1,600 clocks and automata, 4,000 watches, 250 typewriters, 300 phonographs, 500 locks and keys, 150 miscellaneous office machines, and 1,500 various clock and watchmaking tools. There is also a small collection of trade literature pertaining to objects in the collection. New material is added daily.

All researchers are welcome to consult the collections. However, access to various storage areas and reference materials are at the discretion of the curator. Appointments should be made prior to the planned visit.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF SCIENCE

DIVISION OF MEDICAL HISTORY

Room 5000

(202) 357-2274

8:45 A.M. - 5:15 P.M. Weekdays

The division consists of objects relating to the history of medicine, surgery, public health, and pharmacology. In addition to the artifacts, a manuscript collection of approximately seventy-eight cubic feet includes the Medical History Collection, circa 1584- , which contains photographs and prints of medical equipment, hospitals, physicians, pharmaceutical manufacturing and medical material as well as newsclippings, public health posters, account books, and other material on the medical sciences. The personal papers hold a collection from Green Vardiman Black, circa 1867-1928. He was a self-educated dentist and physician who served in the Union Army's dental corp and later as dean of Northwestern University School of Dentistry. Additions to the collection are made regularly.

Researchers should call and arrange an appointment, preferably one week before the planned visit. Undergraduate students will be granted access to the collections if they are unable to be accommodated elsewhere.

DIVISION OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Room 5123

(202) 357-2089

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection contains several thousand pieces including apparatus for physical sciences, particularly those used for teaching and research in 19th century America, a modest collection of navigation instruments, and a fine collection of surveying instruments. A manuscript collection of approximately eighty-five cubic feet holds the Physical Sciences History Collection, 18th Century- , which includes publications, prints, drawings, photographs, and maps concerning the history of physical sciences with emphasis on astronomy, chemistry, physics, and the history of surveying; and the Physical Sciences Photograph Collection consisting of photo-

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graphs and slides of individuals and objects pertaining to the history of physics, mathematics, chemistry, astronomy, timekeeping, surveying and geodesy, weights and measures, and meteorology. The personal papers include the records of the W. and L.E. Gurley Company, 1860-1920, which was involved in manufacturing surveying equipment and scientific instruments.

Researchers should contact a curator in the office to gain access to the collection. Undergraduate students will be admitted depending upon their individual circumstances.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF TECHNOLOGY

DIVISION OF EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES

Room 5032

(202) 357-2095

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The division contains approximately 250 cubic feet of manuscript records. The major holdings include the Agricultural History Photograph Collection which has pictures of advertisements, equipment, and people prominent in the history of American agriculture, fishing, and food processing; the Agricultural Periodicals Collection, circa 1869-1963, which contains 2,706 issues of American farming publications and 552 issues of non-farming publications; and the Mineral Industries Collection, circa 1820- , which contains government reports, photographs, maps, and trade literature about the various aspects of mining in the United States. The personal papers and organizational collections include the Association of Living Historical Farms and Museums, circa 1966- , an organization that deals with living historical farms in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and Europe; and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company Records, 1820-1965, which dealt with navigation improvements on the Lehigh River, railway and Canal construction, and mining.

Only serious researchers who have a definite objective will be admitted to the collection. They should write or telephone for an appointment prior to the visit.

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF TECHNOLOGY

DIVISION OF MECHANICAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERING

Room 5020

(202) 357-2058

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection is enormous and noted for its large quantities of material on the history of mechanical and civil engineering in the United States specializing in bridge engineering, tunnels, prime movers, pumping, refrigeration, engineering of railroad structures, and allied areas. There is also a great deal of material on production engineering including machine tools, mass production methods, and the "American" system of manufacturing. The division has a manuscript collection of over 1,500 cubic feet. New material is added constantly to the collection.

All researchers have access to the collection. The curator of the division should be written prior to the visit.

DIVISION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY

Room 5713

(202) 357-2059

10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. usually Wednesdays only. Special arrangements may be made when necessary, depending upon the staff schedule.

The division consists of approximately 50,000 cataloged items, both photographic apparatus and photographs, plus miscellaneous documents, memorabilia, and ephemera. There are also several hundred thousand photographic negatives, uncataloged and unsorted, which may eventually be transferred to other Smithsonian divisions. Some of the unique items in the collection include: daguerreotype cameras owned by Samuel F.B. Morse and John Draper; daguerreotypes by Henry Fitz; a collection of United States patent models; and cameras owned by Edward Weston, Arnold Genthe, and other pioneers in photography. Additions are made at any time. Gifts are always accepted, and judicious use is made of very small acquisition funds.

All researchers are admitted to the collection. However, all visitors must be as specific as possible about the material they wish to view. Browsing in the collection is discouraged

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due to limitations involving staff time and collection security, although browsing through catalog cards is possible.

DIVISION OF TEXTILES

Room 4131

(202) 357-1889

10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Weekdays

This collection is composed primarily of 19th century items and consists of 40,000 to 50,000 artifacts divided equally between fibers and fabrics. The holdings are divided into two major categories: machines, implements, tools, and textile materials in the United States; and those related to the history of textile technology in general. The collection includes major historical machines and models such as the original Eli Whitney cotton gin; Elias Howe's sewing machine models; and a total of about 4,000 patent models of inventions relating to sewing, fabric designs, and textile processing; a substantial and documented collection of full-size sewing machines and models from 1842 through 1895; and finally, materials such as quilts, shawls, baskets, household linens, tablecloths, laces, and sewing clamps.

All researchers are welcome to use the collection. Since space is limited, arrangements should be made on an individual basis either by telephone or writing in advance.

DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

Room 5010

(202) 357-2025

10:00 A.M. - 5:15 P.M. Weekdays

The division consists of approximately 10,000 catalogued specimens. These include pioneer carriages, autos, locomotives, relics of the first steam locomotives in North America, and a fine patent model collection. In addition to the artifacts, the division maintains a manuscript collection of over 700

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Department of History of Technology

Division of Transportation (continued)

cubic feet. Included in these holdings are the Marine Transportation History Collection, which consists of technical drawings, plans, maps, charts, and documents relating to marine transportation history; the Railroad and Firefighting Collection of photographs, posters, and other material concerned with all facets of railroad history; and the Road Vehicles History Collection containing material on the history of non-rail land transportation.

Access to the collection is granted through written request to the curator.

Department of National History

Division of Military History

Room 4013

(202) 357-1883

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection consists of over 100,000 uniforms, insignias, medals, decorations, flags, firearms, cannons, edged weapons, and their accouterments covering American and European types from the 16th century to the present. New material is added on a day-to-day basis.

Use of the collection is restricted to researchers engaged in significant projects. Researchers should call the office at least one week prior to the date they wish to examine the collection and discuss their projects with the curator responsible for the collection they desire to see. Each research request will be judged on an individual basis before access to the collection is granted. At the present time, and for at least 1980, this service will be curtailed because of staff participation in a major inventory of the collection.

Division of Naval History

Room 4020

(202) 357-2249 (continued)

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HISTORY

Division of Naval History (continued)

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection contains approximately 341 cubic feet of material. The unique holdings include technical materials on ships, especially sailing vessels of the Navy, as well as on navigational equipment, exploration of the Poles and the Far North, ship photographs, blueprints, drawings, and similar material. Additions to the collection depend upon division and museum priorities, donation of gifts, availability of funds for the purchase of items, and luck!

All researchers are admitted to the collections. However, the specialized nature of the collections makes it unlikely that many undergraduate students would know how to and/or appreciate what they see. An application in writing should be sent to the curator of the division stating the title and nature of the project, the collections and/or type of information sought, and the intended duration of the stay. As a practical matter, much research depends on the availability of a microfilm on the papers in question. Many collections have not yet been filmed.

DIVISION OF NUMISMATICS

Room 4000

(202) 357-1798

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Weekdays

The division consists of 750,000 items covering all aspects of monetary history. The holdings include tokens, paper currencies, scrip, coins, and other forms of exchange media from the United States, foreign nations, and ancient sources. Additions are made on a continuing basis.

All researchers are welcome to consult the collection. An appointment should be made by letter or, in an emergency, by telephone, indicating the specific area of interest.

DIVISION OF POLITICAL HISTORY

Room 4109

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Department of National History

Division of Political History (continued)

(202) 357-2277

10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

The collection contains over 100,000 objects, photographs, and documentary materials that relate to all aspects of political history on the United States. The holdings of the division are especially strong in political campaigning, Presidential history, First Lady and White House history, women's history, and political reform movements. Additions are made daily.

The holdings are available to all researchers. They should telephone to make an appointment with the appropriate curator prior to the visit.

DIVISION OF POSTAL HISTORY

Room 4104

(202) 357-1796

Research hours are determined by appointment.

The division consists of over 15,000,000 items covering all aspects of philately and postal history. The holdings include postage stationery, pre-stamp and other postal history material; an assortment of objects used in the mail service; and specialized collections. The division also maintains a reference library of over 1,500 feet of shelf space. The library contains a large collection of monographs; 5,000 serials dating from 1865; catalogues from the 19th century to the present; 6,000 photographs and slides; films, tapes, and maps involving a wide range of subject matter concerning national and foreign postal history. Additions to the collection are obtained through gifts from individuals and foreign governments, transfers from other United States Government agencies, and purchases when the funds are available.

Researchers should contact the division to obtain the regulations for access to the collections.

National Science Foundation Collection

1800 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20550

(202) 632-5911 (Historian's extension)

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection is relatively small. It consists of two file cabinets (eight drawers) of notes, documents, and similar material and four bookcases containing Foundation publications, National Science Board minutes, and other items. Unique aspects of the collection are limited to material on the administrative history of the Foundation which has been collected in one place with prepared indexes that facilitate finding material on particular subjects. A few items are added regularly to the collection. This includes copies of the director's correspondence which are added weekly.

The collection is available to all students. However, an undergraduate student must have a valid research project on which the office could assist without too much disruption to their own research and writing.

National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century Collection

1300 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

(202) 296-7461

8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

This collection contains over 1,000 books devoted mainly to genealogy. There is also extensive material on the histories of family names with an excellent Family Name File where even the most obscure names can be found. New material is added continually.

All researchers can use the collection. There is a fee of $1.00 per day to use the library.

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

1776 D Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

(202) 628-1776

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NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (continued)

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Weekdays

AMERICANA COLLECTION

The Americana Collection has a variety of original American documents and manuscripts to 1839 and special collections including material pertaining to leaders in American history. The collection has approximately 5,000 items with additions made frequently.

A large portion of the collection is available on microfilm and may be used without prior permission. If it is necessary to examine original documents and manuscripts, researchers should write indicating the purpose of their study. Graduate students are given preference to use the collection.

GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

This library has one of the largest collections of material on genealogy and related fields in the country. The holdings consist of more than 65,000 volumes and pamphlets and over 30,000 manuscripts, many of which are original. Subject areas include: written genealogies; state, county, and local histories; printed rosters of Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots; summaries of Revolutionary War pension files; printed archives for some of the original states; Census Schedules from 1850 through 1880; Federal Mortality Schedules, and tombstone records for cemeteries now destroyed.

All researchers are granted access to the holdings upon payment of a $1.00 fee.

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION LIBRARY

1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

(202) 673-4000

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection consists of 8,000 books, 1,200 film and videotape presentations, audiotapes of annual meetings of the Trust, 13,000 files on all aspects of historic preservation, 14,000 photographs and over 20,000 color slides arranged in subject and geographic categories, periodicals, reports, theses, newspaper clippings, records, and ephemera.

The library is available to all students. There is an extensive reference service provided to researchers. To obtain

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this assistance, an appointment or some advance notice by telephone or letter is necessary.

NAVAL HISTORICAL CENTER

Washington Navy Yard
9th and M Streets, S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20374

LIBRARY

Building 220

(202) 433-4131

10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

This library holds large and varied collections including documentary and pictorial materials and artifacts for all periods of United States Naval history from the American Revolution to the most recent times. In particular, the library has 130,000 volumes, 8,000 rolls of microfilm on a variety of subjects, a Special Collections Division, and a rare book collection of 5,000 volumes.

The library is available to all researchers

OPERATIONAL ARCHIVES

Building 210

(202) 433-3170

7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

The archives is noted for its original material that documents naval operations during and since World War II as well as naval strategy and policy during the same period. To this end, the repository has approximately 10,000 linear feet of records and documents that include: operational reports, plans, war diaries, manuscript histories from the individual commands or offices, groups of records from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and major fleet commands, message files, papers of prominent naval officers, and documents from the British, Japanese, and German navies.

All researchers are granted access to the archives. When researchers arrive at the repository, they must fill out a simple form identifying the nature of their research.

Naval Historical Foundation Collection

Room 218
Building 220
Washington Navy Yard
9th and M Streets, S.E.
Washington, D. C. 20374

(202) 433-2005/2357

8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

The Foundation also administers the:

Truxton - Decatur Naval Museum
1610 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

The Foundation has over 337,000 manuscript items in some 254 collections deposited at the Manuscript Division in the Library of Congress. The documents were placed in the division primarily to enhance their accessibility to researchers. They are noted for being the largest collection of personal naval papers in the United States. There are also approximately 16,000 artifacts, relics, and other items stored at the museum or in the repository of the Foundation. New material is added monthly.

All researchers must follow the Library of Congress Manuscript Division's access rules for use of the Foundation's papers. Access to the repository material will depend on the item a student wishes to examine. The administrator should be contacted at least one week in advance of the desired access time.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Public Document Room

1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20555

(202) 634-3251

8:15 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection is a major repository for public records on nuclear licensing and regulation. The holdings are rather extensive and cover material on the Atomic Energy Commission regulatory functions from 1956 to the present. New material is added daily.

The Public Document Room is available to all researchers.

Otis Historical Archives

Armed Forces Medical Museum
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
16th Street and Alaska Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20306

(202) 576-2334

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection consists of over 875 shelf feet of research and storage space and a library of more than 4,500 volumes including: an antique book collection of 490 volumes dating from 1649; a circulating and reference section; books relating to the history and use of microscopes from a 1718 treatise on optics by Sir Issac Newton to current works; a collection of correspondence, monographs, original articles, research notes, and papers; and finally, an extensive photograph collection. Unique aspects of the repository include a sixty volume collection of photographs of wounded Civil War soldiers, made at the Army Medical Museum during the war and at local military hospitals; and a collection of photomicrographs made by J.J. Woodward, museum staff member from the 1860's to the 1880's and a pioneer in the science of photomicrography. Material is added on an irregular basis, according to purchases and donations.

All researchers are granted access to the collection. An appointment should be made by either telephone or letter prior to the planned visit. All researchers should have a reasonable research topic and outline prepared before coming to the archives for the appointment.

Smithsonian Institution Archives

Room 2135
Arts and Industries Building
900 Jefferson Drive, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20560

(202) 357-1420

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection consists of approximately 6,000 cubic feet of material with additions made constantly. The unique aspects of the collection include: the history of the Smithsonian Institution; the history of science in the 19th and 20th centuries, particularly the natural sciences; the history of astronomy in the 20th century; and the history of museums. A Guide

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to the Smithsonian Archives was published in 1978.

All researchers who present satisfactory identification and complete a user's form will be admitted to the reading room.

Society of the Cincinnati Library

2119 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

(202) 785-2040

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection contains 10,000 volumes concerned with the history of the American Revolution and the biographies of participants from 1760 through 1820. This is supplemented by a manuscript collection, relating chiefly to the history of the society. New material is added constantly.

The library is available to all researchers. However, the manuscript collection is limited to graduate students. All researchers must fill out a preliminary application, made either by telephone or in person, with the latter by prior appointment.

Southeastern District Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod Collection

5121 Colorado Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20011

(202) 829-0969

Hours are determined through an appointment with the archivist, who can be reached at (703) 451-5855.

The collection is small, consisting of fifteen file drawers. The holdings reflect the history of Lutherans, particularly of the Missouri Synod in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington, D. C.; the history of the Southeastern District of the Church; and the history of individuals who served in this area of Lutheranism.

All researchers are granted access to the holdings.

Supreme Court Historical Society Collection

Suite 612
1511 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

(202) 347-9888

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

This collection contains approximately 150 acquisitions maintained through the Office of the Curator of the Supreme Court. New material is added rarely to the collections, usually whenever donations or special opportunities arise. The documents and papers that have come to the society are donations from families of the Justices or interested individuals, but would only be supplemental to the massive collections of Justice's papers at the various institutions where they are being researched.

Students anticipating research would not find materials in the collection useful since the holdings include few research type documents. Contact with the Office of the Curator at the Supreme Court could result in a brief orientation regarding the kinds of items that are available.

Textile Museum, Arthur D. Jenkins Library

2320 S Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

(202) 667-0441

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Wednesday - Friday

The collection consists of 7,000 volumes and eighty periodical titles. These holdings are unique and specialized covering all aspects of handwoven and ethnographic textiles and rugs from all areas of the world. Related historical and archaeological publications are also included. Aside from the periodicals, the library receives several major auction catalogues, useful in textile or rug research. The library is rich in books and periodicals relating to textiles and rugs of countries influenced by Islamic culture. Special holdings include: Coptic textiles, textiles from Africa, East Asia, India, Peru, and Central America, and Indian textiles from the American Southwest. New material is added continuously with equal weight being given to collecting material relating to textiles, rugs, and contemporary fiber art.

The library is available to all researchers as a reference facility.

United States Air Force, Office of Air Force History

Building 5681
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, D. C. 20332

(202) 767-5088

7:45 A.M. - 4:15 P.M. Weekdays

The collection, although maintained in the Albert F. Simpson Historical Research Center at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, is administered through the Office of Air Force History in Washington. Microfilm copies of the historical documents are available in the office and at the Washington Records Center in Suitland, Maryland. The collection contains approximately 40,000,000 pages of historical material covering all aspects of Air Force history. In particular, the collection includes: unit histories of Air Force organizations and commands, a special collection of historical monographs and studies, oral history tapes and transcripts, End-of-Tour Reports, personal papers of Air Force officers and personnel, reference material on early military aviation, documents from the British Air Ministry and German Air Force, and a large amount of material on Air Force activities in the war in Southeast Asia. 2,000,000 pages of historical material are accessioned yearly.

The microfilm is available to all researchers. Permission must be granted to view classified material. United States citizens can obtain special clearance and authorization from Office of Information (SAF/OIP)/Office of the Secretary of the Air Force/Washington, D. C. 20330. Foreign nationals should submit the request through their embassy in Washington to the Foreign Liason Division (AF/CVAFI)/Headquarters USAF/ Washington, D. C. 20330.

United States Bureau of the Census History Collection

Census History Staff
Building 3
Silverhill and Suitland Roads
Suitland, Maryland 20233

(301) 763-7337

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection consists of 20 cubic feet of records, plus materials in the Census library and the National Archives (Washington Records Center in Suitland, Maryland, as well as downtown). Most of the material in the Archives are in Record Group 29. The material in the office are the only records

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outside the National Archives that deal with the operations of the Census Bureau. Material is added daily.

Researchers are admitted to the collection on an individual basis. A visitor's pass is needed to enter the building and the library. Permission must be granted from the Census History Staff's Chief to gain access to the files. A researcher will not be allowed to see records that contain information about individuals, identifiable households, or named or otherwise identifiable business firms. These records are closed to the public for seventy-two years.

United States Capitol Historical Society Collection

200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20515

(202) 543-8919

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection contains 1,000 books, recordings of historic dates from the time of Christopher Columbus, a special collection of articles, and reports on bicentennial activities. Books are added monthly with historic dates recorded daily.

The library is available to all researchers. They should contact the History Department at the society to gain access.

United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural History Branch

Room 140
United States Department of Agriculture
500 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20250

(202) 447-8183

8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

The collection is devoted entirely to the history of farming, food, and the development of federal policies and programs related to agriculture. The office contains 500 cubic feet of documents and reports plus extensive bibliographical files that are unique to the branch. Although the documents and reports are available elsewhere, the arrangement by major topic

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is exclusive to this office.

All researchers are admitted to the collection. A telephone call or letter prior to the visit is appreciated.

United States Department of Defense, Historian's Office

Office of the Secretary of Defense
United States Department of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

(202) 697-4216

Due to a lack of manpower to separate classified from unclassified materials and lack of space to accommodate visitors, the working files of this office are accessible only to persons associated with the Department of Defense.

United States Department of Energy Archives

Mailing Address:

Historian's Office
United States Department of Energy
Room C478
Germantown, Maryland 20545

(301) 353-5431

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.) Weekdays

The archives has 3,400 cubic feet of records with additions made periodically as retention periods elapse. The collection contains the official files of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, the United States Energy Commission, the United States Energy Research and Development Administration, and the United States Federal Energy Administration.

All researchers are admitted to the archives. However, most collections contain classified material not available to the public. For further information on access procedures, contact the archives.

United States Department of Labor, Office of the Historian

Office of Information, Publication, and Reports
United States Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20210

(202) 523-6461

8:15 A.M. - 4:45 P.M. Weekdays (Historian's Office: someone usually remains in the office until 6:00 P.M.)
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays (Library)

The departmental library contains one of the largest collections of labor related material in the area if not the entire country. The archival collection of the Historian's Office is retired in the National Archives under Record Group 174. It contains the correspondence of the Secretary of Labor from 1913 to the present, and that of their top staff members. An index in the office is five feet high! New material is added with a change in administrations.

For researchers who desire access to Department of Labor material in the National Archives, the rules and regulations of that institution must be followed. All qualified researchers are admitted to use the index in the Historian's Office.

United States Department of State, Office of the Historian

Bureau of Public Affairs
United States Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

(202) 632-8888

This office does not maintain a collection of materials available to researchers. A huge collection of the records of the Department of State through 1949 is located in the National Archives under Record Group 59. In the near future, records for the period 1950 to 1954 will be transferred to the Archives.

United States Forest Service History Section

United States Forest Service
South Agriculture Building
P.O. Box 2417
Washington, D. C. 20013

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United States Forest Service History Section (continued)

(202) 447-2418

7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Weekdays

The records of the Forest Service History Section include: pamphlets, books, correspondence, memoranda, articles, and other material from the late 19th century to the present dealing with the Forest Service and the larger question of conservation history. It serves as a reference library and archives for researchers pursuing topics in Forest Service history. The materials are organized under three major headings: Subject Files, Serial Publications, and Books, Dissertations, and Periodicals. A directory, the Users Guide to the History Section Collection was compiled in 1977. Material is added continually.

The collections are open to legitimate use by any responsible researcher. A telephone call is appreciated prior to the planned visit. All items must be used on the premise and returned to their file locations. Advice and assistance from the staff will be given as time permits.

United States Geological Survey History Program

Intersection of Sunrise Valley
and South Lake Drives
Reston, Virginia

Mailing Address:

United States Geological Survey
950 National Center
Reston, Virginia 22092

(703) 860-6197 (History Program)
(703) 860-6671 (Library)

7:45 A.M. - 4:15 P.M. Weekdays

The library contains approximately 650,000 volumes, 200,000 photographs, 150,000 maps, 15,000 field record notebooks, some manuscripts, and oral history interview tapes and transcripts. It has the largest collection of published materials in the earth sciences (including maps) in the Washington, D. C. area (and probably in the United States). Finding aids and expert assistance for locating manuscript materials and photographs are available. Through the principal focus of the collection is on the United States, its territories and possessions, it includes materials for the whole world.

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All researchers are welcome to use the collections. A telephone call in advance will insure the best results from a visit.

United States Office of Personnel Management, Pendleton Room

Library
United States Office of Personnel Management
1900 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20415

(202) 632-7640

8:15 A.M. - 4:45 P.M. Weekdays

The majority of the historical records of the Office of Personnel Management (formerly the Civil Service Commission) are housed at the National Archives under Record Group 146. Nevertheless, a small collection of historical material is maintained in the Pendleton Room of the library at the Office of Personnel Management. Included in this collection are papers of Representative Thomas A. Jenekes, an advocate of Civil Service reform during the period 1863 through 1871; material concerning President James Garfield's assassination; Presidential letters concerning the commission; cartoons from the Civil Service reform period; Civil Service Commission biographical and source material; papers of Kenneth Vipond, a commission employee for forty-seven years; and a collection of photographs depicting Civil Service employees, commission buildings, and commission history.

All researchers are granted access to the collection. They should be aware, however, that the National Archives and the Library of Congress have a larger collection of material on the history of the Civil Service Commission.

United States Senate Historical Office

Room S-413
United States Capitol
Washington, D. C. 20510

(202) 224-6900

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The office maintains a collection of approximately 30,000
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Senate-related photographs that are grouped by thematic organization. Many of the photographs were taken by the Senate photohistorian. Although the majority are from the post-1945 period, efforts are being made to expand collections of photographs and other senatorial pictorial representations for the entire range of the Senate's existence. The office maintains files on the location and extent of Senate committee files and senator's personal papers. However, it does not collect any papers. The office publishes The United States Senate A Historical Bibliography, which focuses primarily on the development of the Senate as an institution.

The office is available to all students. Researchers should call at least one hour before their planned visit.

United States Senate, Office of the Curator

Room S-411
United States Capitol
Washington, D. C. 20510

(202) 224-2955

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Weekdays

The collection contains approximately 600 volumes devoted to fine arts, decorative arts, and museology; and sixty cubic feet of documents supporting the provenances of catalogued objects in the collection of the United States Senate. Material is added frequently.

All researchers from the junior year in college and above are permitted to use the collection. A letter outlining the purpose and scope of the research project should be submitted to the office.

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